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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 21, 22, 27, 28, 36-38 and 42-44 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action, and in order to expedite prosecution of
this application Applicant is canceling the rejected claims.

Among the claims rejected was claim 29. However, it is believed that its
inclusion in the rejection may have been in error since it is dependent on claim 10, which
is not directed to a pyrimidine and which was allowed.